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Connecticut Educator Certification News from
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IMPORTANT STATUTORY CHANGE IMPACTS EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

The Connecticut General Assembly recently passed legislation requiring a master's degree to advance from the provisional to the professional level of certification. Please note the following change and plan how you will maintain your educator certificates accordingly. If you have questions about the impact on your particular certificates and circumstances, please e-mail teacher.cert@ct.gov.

On and after July 1, 2016, to qualify for a professional educator certificate, a person who holds or has held a provisional educator certificate... shall hold a master's degree in an appropriate subject matter area, as determined by the State Board of Education, related to such teacher's certification endorsement area. (Public Act 12-116, Sec. 36(g).)

Additional guidance will be developed regarding "appropriate subject matter area" degrees. Once approved, links to these guidelines will be posted here.

More information on maintaining your certification is available from the guide to *Maintaining Connecticut Educator Certification* at www.ct.gov/sde/cert.



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